

Kentucky Postsecondary Education Fact Sheet

Bell County



General Population Data

	County	State	US
Total population	30,060	4,041,769	281,421,906
Median household income	\$19,057	\$33,672	\$41,994
Percent living in poverty	31.1%	14.3%	11.9%
Percent eligible for Medicaid	35.1%	17.5%	N/A
Estimated percent who do not have medical insurance	19.7%	13.3%	14.2%
Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election	50.4%	64.7%	88.7%
Unemployment rate 2004	6.9%	5.3%	5.5%

Highest Level of Education

Less than a high school diploma or GED	42.9%	25.8%	20.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	33.4%	33.4%	28.6%
Bachelor's degree or above	8.2%	15.6%	22.3%
Number of additional bachelor's degree holders needed in this county for it to be at the US average			3,207

College Readiness

	County	State
Average ACT Score	19.9	20.9
Percent underprepared in one or more academic subjects	60.2%	48.2%
Percent underprepared in math	48.1%	34.7%
Percent underprepared in English	38.0%	24.5%

Educational Pipeline

Public high school graduates in 2004	341
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005	1,025
GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005	58
Number of students from this county who entered postsecondary education in Fall 2004	149
Number of students from this county who earned a bachelor's degree in 2004-05	61

Notes:

Total population, median household income, percent living in poverty, and estimated percent who do not have medical insurance are all from the 2000 US Census.

Percent eligible for Medicaid is based on unpublished 2005 eligibility data from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services, and US census data.

Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election is from the State Board of Elections.

Unemployment rate 2004 is from the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training.

Employment by Sector information is 2004 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The self-employed and certain other workers are not included, and some data have been withheld due to BLS confidentiality rules.

Employment by Sector

	County	State
Agriculture, Mining & Other Nat. Resources	974	26,378
Manufacturing & Construction	980	346,875
Retail, Wholesale, Transportation & Utilities	2,170	368,755
Finance, Professional & Business Services	937	276,576
Education & Health Services	1,327	210,961
Government	2,003	289,987
Leisure, Hospitality and Other Services	1,213	206,240

Undergraduate Enrollments

Institution	Alumni	Fall 2004 Enrollment
University of Kentucky	973	57
University of Louisville	32	11
Eastern Kentucky University	534	84
Kentucky State University	4	6
Morehead State University	57	11
Murray State University	3	0
Northern Kentucky University	15	2
Western Kentucky University	23	4
Kentucky Comm. & Tech. College System	1,907	1,427
Independent Colleges & Universities	981	116
Total from this county	4,529	1,718

Financial Aid to Students from This County

Financial Aid Type	# Awards	Dollars
Federal Pell Awards	1,000	\$2,794,620
Federal Loans	318	\$1,371,142
Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships	458	\$570,724
State Need Based Grants	537	\$737,910

Highest Level of Education information is from the 2000 US Census for those aged 18 and older.

College Readiness information is based on ACT or equivalent scores by 2001 and 2002 high school graduates who entered a Kentucky postsecondary institution in Fall 2002.

Public high school graduates in 2004 is from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005 and GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005 are from Kentucky Adult Education.

Financial Aid to Students information is from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

All other information is from the Council on Postsecondary Education.



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